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Representative Brooks' Healthy Foods Bill Scheduled for Assembly Vote

Madison, WI—Legislation authored by Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) to promote healthy eating, bolster nutrition and help individuals develop healthier lifestyles, is scheduled for a vote in the State Assembly on Wednesday, May 12. Assembly Bill 177 passed out of committee earlier this week and was amended with bipartisan input to allow for additional items on the approved foods list.

“I was happy to work with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to enhance the WIC list and provide FoodShare recipients with addition food options,” said Representative Rob Brooks.

The amended bill expands the WIC list with no prohibitions on packaging or size; includes, without restrictions, beef, poultry, pork and fish (excluding crustacean); all fresh produce; all potatoes, regardless of variety; cranberry products and all dairy products.

Democrats on the Public Benefits Reform Committee, despite having five of their proposed amendments passed, unanimously opposed the bill’s passage in committee. They opposed the bill’s passage in spite of the fact that it benefits two of Wisconsin’s largest and most important industries: dairy and cranberries.

“I am very much looking forward to voting on this legislation next Wednesday, and I would like to thank my Democratic colleagues for their thoughtful amendments and helping make this a bipartisan bill; and hope that it is approved by the legislature in bipartisan fashion,” said Brooks. “Healthy eating, bolstering nutrition and affording citizens with access to nutritious foods is not a Republican or Democratic issue; it is a Wisconsin issue,” said Brooks.

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